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SUBJECT: HIGH COMMISSIONER REQUESTS CLOSURE OF CONSULATE

1. WE AND OTHER CONSULATES GENERAL IN LOURENCO MARQUES RECEIVED

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FOLLOWING LETTER FROM HIGH COMMISSIONER VICTOR CRESPO:

QUOTE: AS PROVIDED IN THE LUSAKA ACCORD SIGNED BY THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT AND FRELIMO, SOVEREIGNTY IN THE TERRITORY OF MOZAMBIQUE WILL BE TRANSFERRED ON JUNE 25 FROM PORTUGAL TO THE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MOZAMBIQUE PEOPLE. PARA IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND ON THAT DATE, CONSULAR REPRESENTATIONS IN MOZAMBIQUE ACCREDITED TO THE PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT CEASE TO HAVE LEGAL EXISTENCE. PARA WITH A VIEW TOWARD ELIMINATING DIFFICULTIES WHICH MAY RESULT FROM THE APPROACHING DATE OF MOZAMBIQUE'S INDEPENDENCE, YOU SHOULD START THE NECESSARY STEPS TO CLOSE DOWN THE CONSULATE AND, IF DEEMED APPROPRIATE, INITIATE APPROPRIATE CONTACTS WITH THE INDEPENDENT STATE OF MOZAMBIQUE FOR THE REESTABLISHMENT OF YOUR CONSULAR SERVICES. WITH BEST COMPLIMENTS. LOURENCO MARQUES, JUNE 16, 1975. SIGNATURE. END QUOTE.

2. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE PLAN TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIGH COMMISSIONER'S LETTER, INFORMING HIM SIMPLY THAT WE WILL CLOSE CONSULATE GENERAL ON JUNE 24, AND TO MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT ON CLOSURE OF CONSULATE.

3. LETTER MAKES IT CLEAR WE AND OTHER CONSULATES GENERAL WILL HAVE NO LEGAL STATUS IN MOZAMBIQUE AS OF JUNE 25 UNLESS AGREEMENT REACHED BEFOREHAND ON REESTABLISHMENT OF CONSULAR SERVICES. SINCE IT APPEARS IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT FROM FRELIMO PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE, IT IS IMPORTANT WE DECIDE HOW WE WILL OPERATE DURING PERIOD BETWEEN JUNE 25 AND DATE AGREEMENT REACHED ON DIPLOMATIC AND/OR CONSULAR FUNCTIONS. WE SPECIFICALLY REQUEST DEPARTMENT'S CONCURRENCE OR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING OUR PLANS AND RECOMMENDATIONS LISTED BELOW:

- (A) WE PLAN TO PERFORM NO VISA, PASSPORT, OR OTHER CONSULAR SERVICES AND WILL CLOSE OFFICE TO PUBLIC. IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, WE WILL ISSUE PASSPORTS TO U.S. CITIZENS PRE-DATED JUNE 24.
- (B) DESPITE OUR UNOFFICIAL STATUS, WE WILL SEEK TO HELP U.S. CITIZENS IN TROUBLE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
- (C) WE WILL REQUIRE ONLY AMERICAN STAFF TO COME TO OFFICE; LOCAL EMPLOYEES WILL BE TOLD TO STAY AT HOME WHERE THEY CAN HELP OUT AS NEEDED AND THAT THEY WILL CONTINUE TO BE PAID.
- (D) IN VIEW SITUATION, WE PLAN TO DESTROY OR TRANSFER TO PRETORIA ALL REMAINING CLASSIFIED FILES BY JUNE 24 COURIER.

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FOR TIME BEING, WE PLAN TO STORE CRYPTOGRAPHIC TAPES IN VAULT BUT, IN VIEW POSSIBLE (THOUGH NOT PROBABLE) ATTEMPTED ENTRY INTO OFFICES BY MOZAMBIQUE AUTHORITIES DURING OFF-HOURS, WE RECOMMEND PRETORIA ONLY TRANSMIT TRAFFIC WHEN INSTRUCTED TO DO SO BY US.

(E) AFTER INDEPENDENCE, WE RECOMMEND COURIER SERVICE TO LOURENCO MARQUES BE DISCONTINUED UNTIL AGREEMENT ON DIPLOMATIC OR CONTINUATION OF CONSULAR OPERATIONS REACHED.

(F) UNLESS CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE, WE DO NOT PLAN TO GIVE FOURTH OF JULY PARTY AND AMERICAN OFFICERS WILL NOT ATTEND GOVERNMENT OR DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS.

(G) WE PLAN TO REMOVE CONSULAR SHIELDS FROM OFFICE AND RESIDENCE AND WILL NOT FLY FLAG IN EITHER PLACE.

(H) WE RECOMMEND SEEKING INTERIM AGREEMENT ON CONSULAR FUNCTIONS AND EXEQUATURS FOR JAMES OVERLY AND GEORGE CLEE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER INDEPENDENCE.

(I) WE PLAN SENDING LETTER TO AMERICAN CITIZENS RESIDENT IN MOZAMBIQUE NOTIFYING THEM CONGEN WILL CLOSE JUNE 24 AND USG PROPOSES TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT.

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